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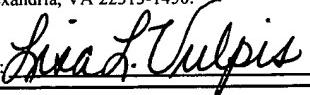
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Title: Vault Controller Supervisor and Method of Operation
for Managing Multiple Independent Vault Processes and
Browser Sessions for Users in an Electronic Business System

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance included in the Notice of Allowability dated April 27, 2005 in the above-identified application.

COMMENTS

Applicants have reviewed the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance (hereinafter "Statement") given on pages 2 and 3 of the Notice of Allowability. Based on this review, it appears that certain portions of the Statement may be viewed as mischaracterizing the actual limitations of the allowed claims.

Applicants believe that an accurate characterization of the claimed invention, and one that is specifically recited in the allowed claims, is "the claimed invention recites, among other things, techniques for use in establishing a secure exchange of information between an end user and a server

in a distributed network environment, comprising the steps of: in accordance with a network-based controller supervisor associated with the server and in communication with the end user and an application in the server, wherein the controller supervisor supervises processes in response to user requests, the controller supervisor: invoking a service function in a separate service thread after a successful server connection, wherein the service thread enables user request mapping; and invoking an initialize function at server initialization for launching at least one persistent thread that facilitates communication between at least one service thread and a corresponding process.”

In summary, Applicants believe that each of the independent claims 1, 11 and 21 is allowable because the particular limitations thereof are not taught or suggested by the art of record. To the extent that the Statement includes language which deviates from the actual language used in the particular limitations of these claims, or language which characterizes the prior art in a manner inconsistent with the position of Applicants, the Statement is respectfully traversed.

Respectfully submitted,



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